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Sir:

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Notice of Allowability mailed on December 13, 2004. Applicants confirm that they authorized the Examiner's Amendment attached to the Notice.

The Reasons for Allowance attached to the Notice refers to an audit system included in the shipment management module. Applicants point out that claim 1 as amended does not recite an audit system included in the shipment management module, noting it has been discussed that the term "system" includes hardware and that "module" may consist of only software. Furthermore, although the Reasons for Allowance acknowledge that dependent claims 2-14, 16-20 and 22-45 are allowable over the prior art of record for the same reasons as claim 1, applicants respectfully submit that one or more of the dependent claims may be allowable for reasons in addition to those for independent claim 1.

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The Reasons for Allowance also makes statements as to the purported disclosure and teachings of certain prior art references and "Official Notice" as to what is old and well known in the art. Applicants do not necessarily agree with such statements. In particular, applicants have already filed a continuation application (Application Number 11/005,678 filed On December 7, 2004) and reserve the right to traverse statements made in the Reasons for Allowance and elsewhere in this application during prosecution of the continuation application and otherwise.

An Issue Fee Transmittal accompanies this Comment on Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Please charge any shortage in fees, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 02-4270 (6065-01US) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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